

JURISDICTION

Legislative Responsibilities

The legislative jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Reform includes the following areas, as set forth in House Rule X, clause 1:

- Federal civil service, including intergovernmental personnel; and the status of officers and employees of the United States, including their compensation, classification, and retirement;
- Municipal affairs of the District of Columbia in general (other than appropriations);
- Federal paperwork reduction;
- Government management and accounting measures generally;
- Holidays and celebrations;
- Overall economy, efficiency, and management of government operations and activities, including federal procurement;
- National archives;
- Population and demography generally, including the Census;
- Postal service generally, including transportation of the mails;
- Public information and records;
- Relationship of the federal government to the states and municipalities generally; and
- Reorganizations in the executive branch of the government.

Oversight Responsibilities

As set forth in House Rule X, clauses 2 and 3, the Committee also has the following oversight responsibilities:

- To determine whether laws and programs addressing subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, the Committee must review and study on a continuing basis:
 - the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of laws and programs

addressing subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction;

- the organization and operation of federal agencies and entities having responsibilities for the administration and execution of laws and programs addressing subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction;
 - any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction; and
 - future research and forecasting on subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction;
- Review and study on a continuing basis the impact or probable impact of tax policies affecting subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction;
 - Adopt an oversight plan for each Congress;
 - Report to the House the oversight plans submitted by the other House Committees; and
 - Review and study on a continuing basis the operation of government activities at all levels with a view to determining their economy and efficiency.

Other Responsibilities

As set forth in House Rule X, clause 4, the Committee shall also:

- Receive and examine reports of the Comptroller General of the United States and submit to the House such recommendations as the Committee considers necessary or desirable in connection with the subject matter of the reports;
- Evaluate the effect of laws enacted to reorganize the legislative and executive branches of government; and
- Study intergovernmental relationships between the United States and the states and municipalities and between the United States and international organizations of which the United States is a member.

As set forth in House Rule X, clause 4, the Committee also may, at any time, conduct investigations of any matter regardless of whether another standing committee has jurisdiction over the matter. The Committee must make findings and recommendations in such an investigation available to any other standing committee having jurisdiction over the matter involved.